

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraphs for the corresponding paragraph in the specification, as indicated below:*

Replace the paragraph starting on page 2, line 15, with the following:

According to the invention, these objects are attained by means of the features defined in the characterizing portion of claim 1 a connecting surface forming the insert seat including, on one hand, two spaced-apart surface fields or sets of a plurality of mutually parallel, first ridges, which are arranged in extension of each other, and on the other hand one or more second, transverse ridges, which are located between the two sets of first ridges.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 2, line 18, with the following:

In a second aspect, the invention also relates to a basic body as such intended for cutting tools. The features of the basic body according to the invention are seen in the independent claim 2 that the connecting surface of the basic body of the cutting tool includes, on one hand, two spaced-apart sets of a plurality of mutually parallel, first ridges, which are arranged in extension of each other, and on the other hand one or more second, transverse ridges, which are located between the two sets of first ridges. Preferred embodiments of the basic body according to the invention are further defined in the dependent claims 3-7.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 2, line 24, with the following:

In a third aspect, the invention also relates to a cutting insert as such intended for cutting tools. The features of this cutting insert are seen in the independent claim 8 that the connecting

surface of the cutting insert of a cutting tool includes, on one hand, two spaced-apart sets of a plurality of mutually parallel, first ridges, which are arranged in extension of each other, and on the other hand one or more second, transverse ridges or tops, which are located between the two sets of first ridges.